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The reply filed on January 28, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants were notified, via the letter of July 31, 2001, that applicants had failed to identify the claims readable on the elected species. It is noted that applicants had initially elected species (a-2) as compound (a), within the election of species of May 17, 2001. Furthermore, within the response of January 28, 2002, applicants indicated that claims 46-48 and 59-62 are readable on the elected species. However, specified claims 47 and 60 refer only to nonelected species (a-1). Therefore, given applicants' extensive use of variables, it remains unclear with respect to exactly which claims are readable on the elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Additionally, the following matters have been noted with respect to applicants' claims 59-62. Firstly, the dimethoxysilane compound of the claims lacks support within the specification. Secondly, the specified dimethoxysilane compound appears to be complete as is; it is unclear how it can properly have additional groups attached to it. In other words, it is not clear that the named compound can have additional substituents. The language, "said product (C)" (claims 59 and 62) and "said organic group (I)" and "said hydrolyzable group" (claim 62), lack antecedent basis.

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